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Governor Edwards Requests SBA Assistance for Assumption

BATON ROUGE (June 8, 2016) – Governor John Bel Edwards has officially requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offer SBA Disaster Assistance loans for qualified applicants in Assumption Parish impacted by severe weather on May 19, 2016. The severe weather consisted of strong straight line winds, resulting in damage to a number of homes and businesses in Assumption Parish. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the SBA conducted a damage assessment of the parish on May 31, 2016 to determine what type of disaster assistance was needed to help with parish recovery. The damage survey indicates more than 25 homes or businesses in Assumption Parish suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent. The overall total included damage to more than 50 structures.

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans:

SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters. SBA disaster loans can be used to repair or replace the following items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster: real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets.

You can find the latest information on the state's flood response at www.emergency.la.gov. GOHSEP also provides information on Facebook and Twitter. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

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